News Paper Report on Illegal Appointments

893. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to the Press news-item captioned "illegal SAIL appointments arouse parochial passions" as reported in a statement dated 8th February, 1996;

(b) if so, whether the Minister have illegally appointed a large number of Junior Executives in SAIL by violating all recruitment rules;

(c) if so, the facts and details in this regard; and

(d) by when corrective meansures are likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) As a part of its social responsibility, SAIL has extended support for upliftment of backward and under-developed areas like Jammu & Kashmir and North Eastern States by way of providing employment opportunities in the Company. The year-wise break-up of recruitment made from these States are as under:

Year	North-Eastern State	J & K State
1991-92	21	18
1993-94	19	—
1994-95	48	—
1995-96	75	25

The above candidates were appointed as Management Trainees/Junior Executives. The candidates recruited from North-Eastern States from 1993 onwards were provided six months training before being appointed.

These candidates have been posted in different plants/units/subsidiaries of SAIL.

Minority Concentration Districts in the Country

894. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the 41 Minority Concentration Districts in the country state-wise;

(b) the percentage of the minorities living in these districts; and

(c) the details of the Area Intensive Programmes for the educationally backward minorities taken up in these districts?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) Information is annexed as statement-I. (*See* below).

(c) Ministry of Human Resource Development has been implementing the Area Intensive Programme for educationally backward minorities since May, 1993. The basic objective of the scheme is to provide cent percent assistance to the State Govt. and voluntary organisations (through State Govt.) for the purpose of providing basic infrastructure and facilities in areas of concentration of educationally backward minorities which do not have adequate provision for elementary and secondary education. Assistance is provided for the following programmes under the scheme:

(i) Establishment of new primary/upper primary schools, non-formal education centres where such need is felt and viability established on the basis of a school mapping exercise.

(ii) Strengehtning of educational infrastructure and physical facilities in the primary/upper primary schools.

(iii) Opening of multi-stream residential higher secondary schools for girls where science, commerce, humanities and vocational courses are taught. The details of the amount disbursed year-wise and the districts covered are given in the enclosed statement-I.

Statement-I

Minority Concentration districts in the Country

States	Districts	Percentage of Minorities to Total Population
Uttar Pradesh	1. Rampur	51.38
	2. Bijnor	40.74
	3. Moradabad	38.57
	4. Saharanpur	32.52
	5. Muzaffarnagar	29.23
	6. Meerut	26.05